OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 24T-007

**Manufacturer Name:** Hankook Tire America Corp.

NHTSA Recall No.: 24T-007

Manufacturer Recall No.: NR



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Hankook Tire America Corp.

Address: 333 Commerce St., Suite 600

Nashville TN 37201

Company phone: 1-800-426-5665

# **Population:**

Number of potentially involved : 9 Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

#### **Tire Information:**

Tire Brand 1: Hankook

Tire Line: Kinergy GT

Tire Size: 235/60R18H H436

Descriptive Information: The subject tire's noncompliant population was determined by reviewing the

records for tires where the Tire Identification Number (TIN) was missing the required date code (week and year code). The noncompliant tires differ from the compliant tires because they are missing the 4-digit week and year code in the

TIN.

Production Dates: JAN 17, 2024 - FEB 28, 2024

**TIN (Tire Identification Number)** 

Plant ID Size code Optional Code Begin M Code End M Code 00T 3V 1B H0 0324 0924

#### **Description of Noncompliance:**

Description of the The subject non-compliant tires were produced without the date code (week

Noncompliance: and year), as required per 49 C.F.R. §574.5(b) (3).

FMVSS 1: 574 - Tire Identification & Recordkeeping

FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: The missing date code on the tire may prevent consumers from making

informed decisions related to the age of the tire which may lead to prolonged

usage. Prolonged usage could increase the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause: The issue was caused by the buildup between the DOT plate and mold cavity

and the incorrect application of the date code on the production line.

Identification of Any Warning N/A

that can Occur:

### **Involved Components:**

Component Name: Tire

Component Description: NR

Component Part Number: NR

## **Supplier Identification:**

#### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: Hankook Tire Manufacturing Tennessee, LP

Address: 2950 International Blvd

Clarksville Tennessee 37040

**Country: United States** 

# **Chronology:**

In March 2024, Hankook was notified by its OEM customer of certain tires that did not have the required date code on the sidewall of the tires.

Between March and May 2024, Hankook reviewed its inventory, sales records, and production records, and inspected the tires in production.

On May 24, 2024, Hankook determined that 9 tires outside of Hankook's possession and control did not contain the required date codes and are not compliant with Part 574.

## **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: All subject tires will be replaced by tires featuring a compliant date code portion of the TIN at no charge to the customer. All known customers, distributors, dealers, and independent outlets will receive notification of the campaign, instructions on how to identify the affected tires, corresponding DOT numbers and barcode numbers, information regarding the removal of the affected tires from service, and instructions on the return/disposal of affected tires. Hankook Tire will offer to reimburse the replacement cost for any customer who, prior to this campaign, replaced these tires due to the condition described above.

from Recalled Component:

How Remedy Component Differs The remedy tires will contain a compliant date code portion of the TIN.

Identify How/When Recall Condition Hankook has scrapped all subject tires found within its control and was Corrected in Production: possession. Hankook has also put in various procedures in place to prevent the buildup of debris in the mold cavity and to enhance the training and inspection measures on the production line.

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Hankook Tire will notify distributors, as well as all independent outlets

that are authorized to replace the affected tires that are the subject of this recall, of their responsibilities in accordance with Section 573.6(c)(9). Distributors and outlets will be instructed to return the affected tires to

Hankook Tire for disposal.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: JUN 28, 2024 - JUL 12, 2024 Planned Owner Notification Date: JUL 25, 2024 - AUG 08, 2024

#### **Purchaser Information:**

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Address: 1919 Torrance Blvd

Torrance CA 90501

Country: US

Company Phone: 8882342138

<sup>\*</sup> NR - Not Reported